THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No such proposal has been received from any State Government.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Acquisition of agricultural land by Government

4585. SHRI BHUPENDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government acquire agricultural land from farmers for Public purposes only or for some other purposes also;

(b) what is the necessity of acquiring agricultural land from the farmers and not utilising it for years for the declared purposes and whether the farmers are being paid market value of their land;

(c) whether acquisition at very low prices and selling to private persons or parties at much higher prices does serve public purpose;

(d) whether not utilising acquired land for years together does not amount to grabbing of land from farmers; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) As informed by the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, land is acquired by the Government for public purpose or for a public company under the relevant provisions of the Land Acquisition Act 1994. The Land acquisition Collector pays to the farmers market value of the land as on date of Section 4 notification in the award passed by him. The departments/bodies for which land is acquired are responsible for utilising it expeditiously.

(c) to (e) DDA has reported that it acquires undeveloped lands. The Delhi Development Act, 1957 enjoins upon the Authority to develop such lands before disposing of them. What some protion of such lands may be auctioned at a premium part of the acquired land is allotted at a subsidy. Such differential between the prices paid to farmers, and disposal prices, is due to the cost of development. the subsidies and premia on total cost. In view of the physical limitation of water availability, finances, etc., there is a time lag between acquisition of land and its ultimate disposal.

Transfer of parks to NDMC

4586. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to transfer all the parks and open spaces along the roads in New Delhi Municipal Committee areas to the NDMC:

(b) which authority has so far been looking after these parks and open spaces; and

(c) what are the reasons for the transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As yet, no such decision has been taken.

(b) The open space/parks along the N.D.M.C. road are being maintained by New Delhi Municipal Committee except the open spaces on either side of Shantipath which are being maintained by C.P.W.D.

(c) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.

Display of slogsn by DDA

4587. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has displayed some slogan like 'DDA stands for Quality' at several sites under its jurisdiction;

(b) if so, the details thereof with theme behind such slogan;

(c) whether large number of water loggings incidents in DDA colonies of Delhi upto knee level due to recent rains has proved that DDA stands for unhugienic, unhealthy and under value standard of quality;

(d) whether DDA has also displayed some slogan like 'DDA where building is a continued process';

(e) whether it is a fact that nonallotment of flats to registered persons of 1979 scheme till 31st July, 1993 after laps of 14 years proved that DDA can never solve the housing problems of Delhi but build up plans only with its unending activities;

(f) whether Government propose to take some action to make DDA to work according to its beautiful slogans; and

(g) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, (SHRI P. K. TRUNGON): (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DDA has reported that the theme behind such slogans is to make the public aware of DDA's commitment to provide quality constructions.

(c) DDA provides a proper storm water drainage system duly approved by concerned departments like MCD & I&F Control Deptt. of Delhi in all its colonies. If some water logging incidents have taken place during the recent monsoons, the reasons are non-availability of proper outfall arrangements.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) to (g) It may be stated that, out of a huge No. of approximately 1,79,000 registarnts of 1979, the list of registrants in the category of EWS/Janta has been wiped off. A backlog of only 24305 in LIG & 20,910 in MIG categories is remaining, against which construction of 14,335 houses are in progress, which will be offered as soon as completed.

Efforts are being made by DDA to acquire more land for construction of houses of remaining registrants of 1979.

Committee set up to look into problems of sewage etc.

4588. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team has been constituted in Delhi under the chairmanship of Chief Engineer of Municipal Corporation of Delhi in the recent past with responsibility to look into all problems of sewage, drainage and electricity of Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of members of this committee with their official and residential telephone numbers;

(c) whether this committee will take measures to ensure no incidents of waterlogging are reported in future in Delhi during forthcoming rainy seasons;

(d) whether Government propose to entrust this Committee the task of maintenance of roads and cleanliness in Delhi which get damaged due to rainy season;

(e) whether Government also propose to make this Committee a permanent body to look into problems of Delhi for ever; and

(f) if so, the details thereof separately and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that, under the order of the Lt. Governor of Delhi a Task Force under that chairmanship of Shri S. M. Hasnain Chief Engineer, M.C.D. was constituted on 7.8.1993 with the specific purpose of sorting out problems created by water logging of Pitampura area due to heavy rains on 4th/5th August, 1993.